

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Initially, Applicants would like to thank Examiner McGinty for the courteous and helpful Interview conducted February 25, 2010, which materially advanced prosecution in this case. During the Interview, amendments to claim 1 were discussed, as well as the fact that the proposed amendments would render the pending rejections moot. Claim 1 has been amended such that claim 1 corresponds to the claim proposed by Examiner McGinty during the Interview.

The remaining claims have been amended as appropriate to conform them to claim 1 as amended.

Claims 3-6, 15 have been canceled.

Claims 1, 2, 7-12, 14 and 16-33 are pending in this application.

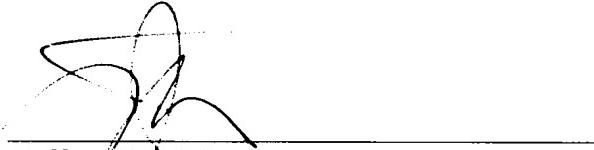
The Office Action rejected claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14- under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Ravet and under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. In view of the above amendments to the claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are definite, and that Ravet neither teaches nor suggests the claimed invention as discussed during the Interview. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

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Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited. Applicants invite Examiner McGinty to contact the undersigned if any further claim amendments are thought to be necessary to place the case into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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